

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **March 25, 2015** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "C" on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Regina A. Strand, OD – via telephone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence M. Sweeney

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the November 12, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Strand, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department.

III. New Business

There was brief discussion regarding Continuing Education Requirements.

It was requested if someone from the DPH could speak at a future meeting of the Connecticut Association of Optometrists. The topic of the presentation would deal with the process of investigation of licensees by the DPH. This request will be referred to Kathleen Boulware of the DPH Practitioner Investigation Unit.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **May 6, 2015** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "C" on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Lawrence M. Sweeney– via telephone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina A. Strand, OD

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mr. Sweeney was welcomed to his first meeting as Board Member

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Limson, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

II. Department of Public Health Updates
Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department. This case has been referred to a consultant for review.

III. New Business

Dr. Pavano gave an overview of the Connecticut Association of Optometrists 20/20 Program and that he has spoken with Kathleen Boulware of the DPH Practitioner Investigation Unit regarding a future presentation concerning the process of investigation of licensees by the DPH.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 30, 2015** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Lawrence M. Sweeney– via telephone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina A. Strand, OD

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Limson.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. New Business

Letter from Brian Lynch, OD regarding CPT codes and Letter from Janet Brancifort, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Health regarding Declaratory Ruling Request.

Assistant Attorney General, Henry Salton was present for this discussion and to provide counsel to the Board. It was determined that the request from Dr. Lynch, asking for advice as to whether a procedure is within the scope of practice of an advanced practice optometrist, is a request for a declaratory ruling. Attorney Salton explained the procedures for addressing declaratory ruling requests and also explained section 493 of Public Act 15-5 pertaining to the issuance of proposed decisions by a Board and a final decision by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Lefland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, that the procedure of removal of a skin tag of the ocular adnexae by use of dichloroacetic acid is within the scope of advanced optometric practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon further discussion Ms. Limson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to rescind the previous vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Limson made a motion, second by Mr. Sweeney, that the Board rule on Dr. Lynch's request at the November 4, 2015 Baird meeting and that notice of the Board's intentions be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and that a copy of the notice be sent to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on a motion made by Ms. Limson, seconded by Dr. Lefland. The next meeting on November 4, 2015 will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 4, 2015** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Lawrence M. Sweeney– via telephone
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the September 30, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Strand.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. Old Business

Request for Declaratory Ruling – Benign lesion removal

Dr. Blondin reported that pursuant to an email of November 3, 2015, Brian Lynch, OD withdrew his request for a declaratory ruling in this matter. Accordingly, the Board will take no action regarding this request for a declaratory ruling.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Meeting dates for 2016

Dr. Blondin will email a list of meeting dates to the Board Liaison

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. on a motion made by Ms. Limson, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists